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Organization of the session and administrative matters

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At the informal pre-session consultations chaired by the First Vice-Chair, Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol (Thailand), held on 12 March 2014, the Commission conducted a preliminary review of draft proposals that had been submitted by the deadline of 13 February 2014, pursuant to Commission decision 55/1, and dealt with organizational matters of the fifty-seventh session.

B. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs held its fifty-seventh session, including the high-level segment, in Vienna from 13 to 21 March 2014. The Chair of the Commission opened the session.

C. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of [...] States members of the Commission ([...] were not represented). Also attending were observers for [...] other States Members of the United Nations, as well as non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.7/2014/INF/2.

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D. Election of officers

4. In section I of its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that, with effect from the year 2000, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should, at the end of each session, elect its Bureau for the subsequent session and should encourage it to play an active role in the preparations for the regular as well as the intersessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Pursuant to rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the officers of the Commission hold office until their successors are elected and are eligible for re-election.

5. In the light of that decision and in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, after the closing of its reconvened fifty-sixth session, on 13 December 2013, opened its fifty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. At that meeting, the Commission elected the Chair, three Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur. In accordance with Council resolution 1991/39 and established practice, a group composed of the chairs of the five regional groups, the Chair of the Group of 77 and China and the representative of or observer for the State holding the Presidency of the European Union assists the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the officers, constitutes the extended Bureau foreseen in Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39. At its reconvened session held on 13 December 2013, the Commission was informed of the composition of its Bureau.

6. The officers of the Commission at its fifty-seventh session were as follows:

Office	*Region*	*Officer*
Chair	African States	Khaled Abdelrahman Shamaa (Egypt)
First Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol (Thailand)
Second Vice-Chair	Eastern European States	Balázs Csuday (Hungary)
Third Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Carmen Buján Freire (Spain)
Rapporteur	Latin American and Caribbean States	Gonzalo Cervera Martínez (Mexico)

7. A group composed of the chairs of the five regional groups (the observers for Iraq, Ireland, Latvia, Morocco and Nicaragua), the observer for Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the observer for Greece (on behalf of the European Union) was established to assist the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. During the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on 19 March and [...] March 2014 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

8. At its 1st meeting, on 13 March 2014, the Commission adopted by consensus its provisional agenda (E/CN.7/2014/1 and Corr.1), which had been finalized at its intersessional meetings, pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 2013/248. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

High-level segment

3. Opening of the high-level segment.

4. General debate of the high-level segment: progress achieved and challenges in implementing the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem.

5. Round-table discussions of the high-level segment:

   (a) Demand reduction: reducing drug abuse and dependence through a comprehensive approach;

   (b) Supply reduction: reducing the illicit supply of drugs, control of precursors and of amphetamine-type stimulants, and international cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and on alternative development;

   (c) International cooperation: countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation.

6. Outcome of the high-level segment.

7. Closure of the high-level segment.

Normative segment

8. Panel discussions:

   (a) Issues related to the scheduling of substances in accordance with the international drug control conventions;

   (b) Substantive issues for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem in 2016.

9. Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016.

10. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:

    (a) Challenges and future work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization in the review of substances for possible scheduling recommendations;

    (b) Changes in the scope of control of substances;

    (c) International Narcotics Control Board;

    (d) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion;

    (e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.

11. World situation with regard to drug trafficking and recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

Operational segment

12. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions:

    (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives;

    (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime:

        (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

        (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions.

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13. Provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission.

14. Other business.

15. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session.